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SUBJ: QUEBEC'S UNION NATIONALE (UN) PARTY NOT YET DEAD

1. COINCIDENT WITH THE CONVENTION OF THE QUEBEC WING OF THE LIBERAL PARTY IN QUEBEC CITY WAS A \$50 A PLATE FUND-RAISING DINNER FOR THE UNION NATIONALE IN MONTREAL, MARCH 7TH. IT REPORTEDLY DREW APPROXIMATELY 2,500 ATTENDEES.

2. BOTH ENGLISH AND FRENCH PRESS IDENTIFY GUESTS AS NOT ONLY HARD-CORE UN SUPPORTERS BUT FEDERAL PROGRESSIVE-CONSERVATIVES (INCLUDING TWO MPS, ROCH LASALLE AND JACQUES LAVOIE), "YOUNG ENGLISH-SPEAKERS FROM THE WEST END OF MONTREAL" AND FORMER OR DISHEARTENED SOCIAL CREDITISTES. THERE WAS A SPECIFIC EFFORT TO WOO ANGLOPHONES DURING THE BILINGUAL PROCEEDINGS.

3. NOTABLY ABSENT WERE SEVERAL PEOPLE RECENTLY REPORTED TO BE IN THE RUNNING FOR THE PARTY LEADERSHIP: PIERRE DES MARAIS (MAYOR OF OUTREMONT), JUDGE JEAN DUTIL, AND JACQUES O'BRADY, DESPITE AN EARLIER PROMISE BY MAURICE BELLEMARE, PRESENT LEADER, THAT CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE WOULD ATTEND.

4. BELLEMARE'S SPEECH CASTIGATED BOTH TRUDEAU AND BOURASSA, THE FORMER FOR HIS ARROGANCE FRIDAY IN QUEBEC CITY (QUEBEC'S 44) AND BOURASSA FOR "CONSPIRING" WITH TRUDEAU IN SECRET  
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ON THE ISSUE OF REPATRIATING THE CONSTITUTION. HIS

REMARKS ALLEGEDLY DREW "AN OVATION".

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